

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | § | |
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| VS. | § | MAGISTRATE ACTION NO. C-07-708-4 |
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| MANUEL ANGEL MENDOZA | § | |

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

A detention hearing has been held in accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). The following requires detention of the defendant pending trial in this case:

(1) There is probable cause to believe the defendant committed an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B); and

(2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

The evidence against the defendant is substantial. The findings and conclusions contained in the Pretrial Services Report are adopted, supplemented by the testimony of the defendant's daughter and son. The defendant's prior criminal history reflects that he has been engaged in drug trafficking since his first conviction in 1991 for possession with intent to distribute marihuana. The defendant is a regular user of illegal drugs. He has ties to Mexico, and because of his prior conviction, he faces a possible minimum mandatory sentence of ten years.

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

ORDERED this 4th day of December, 2007.



B. JANICE ELLINGTON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE